



Oklahoma Health Equity Campaign (OHEC)
Partnership Meeting
February 27, 2014

Attendees:

[VC= Video Conferencing]

Cheryl Allen, OAI Consulting, OKC
Verna Allen, OSDH Health Equity & Resource Opportunities Division (HERO), OKC
Dindy Banzet, OSDH SoonerStart, (VC) Tulsa
April Bell, OSDH SoonerStart, (VC) Tulsa
Sean Bridges, OSDH Delaware County Health Department, (VC) Jay
Jody Burch, United Way of Bartlesville, (VC) Bartlesville
Terry Burris, Indian Health Services (IHS), (VC) Stillwater
Peggy Byerly, OSDH Maternal and Child Health (MCH), OKC
Cassandra Camp, Oklahoma University Health Science Center (OUHSC), OKC
Michelle Carlile, OSDH SoonerStart, (VC) Tulsa
Becky Carlson, OSDH SoonerStart, (VC) Altus
Delilah Centeno, Literacy, (VC) Altus
Lourdes Chapa, Latino Community Development Agency (LCDA), OKC
Elizabeth Chery, Oklahoma University Health Science Center (OUHSC), OKC
Robin Chipman, OSDH Center for Advancement of Wellness, OKC
Cordelia Clapp, OHEC Steering Committee Member, OKC
Janette Cline, OSDH Community and Family Health Services, OKC
Laurie Cowell, OSDH SoonerStart, (VC) Hugo
Lauren Fassino, University of Central Oklahoma (UCO), OKC
Janie Fuggitt, Oklahoma State Department of Rehabilitation, OKC
Leslie Gelders, Oklahoma Department of Libraries, OKC
Rachel Godsey, OSDH SoonerStart, (VC) Tulsa
Vicky Golightly, Department of Rehabilitation, (VC) Shawnee
Shelby Graves, University of Central Oklahoma (UCO), OKC
Karen Gray, St. Francis Hospital, (VC) Tulsa
Robin Grissandanor, University of Central Oklahoma (UCO), OKC
Jeff Hamilton, First Christian Church, OKC
Michael Hanegan, Department of Human Services, OKC
Chelsea Higgins, University of Central Oklahoma (UCO), OKC
Linda Hitchye, OSDH Muskogee County Health Department, (VC) Muskogee
Diana Keathley, YWCA Tulsa, (VC) Tulsa
Vicky Land, Smart Start Central Oklahoma, OKC
Kim Macy, OSDH SoonerStart, (VC) Tulsa
Irene Martin, Oklahoma State Department of Rehabilitation, OKC
Mary Ann Martin, OSDH SoonerStart, (VC) Tulsa
Earlene Mason, OSDH SoonerStart, (VC) Hugo
Karla McGuire, OSDH HERO, OKC
Jessica Meza, OSDH Office of Minority Health, OKC
Kristen Moseby, OSDH SoonerStart, (VC) Tulsa
Nancy Neuen, OSDH Washington County Health Department, (VC) Bartlesville
Marisa New, OSDH (HERO), OKC
Jennifer Newman, Oklahoma State Department of Education (SDE), (VC) Hugo
Charlotte Norman, University of Central Oklahoma (UCO), OKC
Okono Okono, NewView Oklahoma, OKC
Mary Overall, OAI Consulting, OKC

Jayne Overman, OSDH SoonerStart, (VC) Tahlequah
Patricia Patterson, OAI Consulting, OKC
Stephanie Plante-Burk, OSDH Okfuskee County Health Department, (VC) Shawnee
Joey Reese, OSDH Cleveland County Health Department, (VC) Norman
Dr. Carolanne Roach, Brain and Eye Connection Vision Clinic, OKC
Joe Sharp, OSDH SoonerStart, (VC) Norman
Chelcci Stapleton, OSDH Delaware County Health Department, (VC) Jay
Bethany Stearman, University of Central Oklahoma (UCO), OKC
Kevin Treese, Oklahoma State Department of Rehabilitation, (VC) Shawnee
Debi Trout, Oklahoma State Department of Rehabilitation, OKC
Denise Vladovich, Market Solutions, OKC
Joyce Walker, OSDH Muskogee County Health Department, (VC) Muskogee
Pepper Watson, Oklahoma State Department of Rehabilitation, OKC
Ida Faye Winters, Literacy, (VC) Altus
Adrien Wright, OSDH SoonerStart, (VC) Tulsa
Leslie Youngker, OSDH SoonerStart, (VC) Tulsa
Bee Jay Zeober, Living Longer Living Stronger Trainer, (VC) Durant

New Members: Cheryl Allen, Dindy Banzet, April Bell, Sean Bridges, Jody Burch, Cassandra Camp, Michelle Carlile, Becky Carlson, Delilah Centeno, Lourdes Chapa, Elizabeth Chery, Laurie Cowell, Lauren Fassino, Janie Fugitt, Rachel Godsey, Vicky Golightly, Shelby Graves, Karen Gray, Robin Grissandanor, Chelsea Higgins, Kim Macy, Irene Martin, Earlene Mason, Kristen Moseby, Nancy Neuen, Jennifer Newman, Charlotte Norman, Okono Okono, Jayne Overman, Patricia Patterson, Joey Reese, Joe Sharp, Chelcci Stapleton, Bethany Stearman, Kevin Treese, Debi Trout, Denise Vladovich, Joyce Walker, Pepper Watson, Adrien Wright, Leslie Youngker

Welcome/Introductions: Jeff Hamilton

Local Public Transportation News: Washington County Transportation Coalition: Jody Burch, CEO Bartlesville Regional United Way

In partnership with United Way and several local businesses, a transportation pilot project bus route that operates 4 hours in the morning and 4 hours in the evening was created in Bartlesville to meet local access need such as social services, getting medical services and accessing good food sources. Several options are being presented to the City of Bartlesville to sustain the public transportation (bus) route. One option is to have residents pay a small fee on their water bill or to have a fee added on the hotel/motel tax. It is the goal of the Washington County Transportation Coalition to expand the route to add more locations and more frequent stops.

Review of 10/24/13 Meeting Minutes and current status:

“Building Healthier Communities through Education, Empowerment and Partnership”

Charlotte Gish RN, CNM, MSN
Deputy Regional Health Administrator
DHHS/Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH)
Region VI: AR, LA, NM, OK, TX

Minutes and Summary of October 24, 2013 conference are attached to the handout. There were 54 participants from Oklahoma. Locations that participated were Muskogee, Durant, Tulsa and Oklahoma City. Charlotte Gish announced that Region VI was not given funds to host a conference in 2014. In order to host a health summit in 2014 the region would need to find a group to sponsor the meeting. One option would be to host a series of 1 day trainings. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Association continue to do their trainings on mental health first aid. Charlotte would like to come to Oklahoma and do 1 day trainings through this program. The community and family training would be held in a variety of locations and would last 1- 8 hour day. The Region VI office will continue to work with the OHEC on possible locations to come and do a 1 day community wide faith and health training. Region VI would like to highlight the importance of the faith community being a part of health. Charlotte will forward the information on the event to Marisa for anyone who might want to attend.

Marketplace Enrollment: Lourdes Chapas, Healthcare Navigator, Latino Community Development Agency

Facts about the Obama care (Affordable Care Act):

- Between October of 2013 through February of 2014, 3.3 million people have enrolled in the health marketplace.
- In Oklahoma, 26,000 people have enrolled.
- Oklahoma has the fifth lowest number of enrollee's in the nation.
- The Latino Community Development Agency has enrolled 750 people
- Fines for people who have not enrolled in the healthcare marketplace by March 31st, 2014 will be \$95.00 a year or 1% of your income per each person in your family.

Question and Answers (Q & A)

1. **Q.** I know of someone who has tried to use the system online by themselves and they did not receive a good health plan, but another person used a navigator and received a wonderful healthcare plan. Do you recommend people find a healthcare navigator to navigate through the system?
A. Yes, it would be the best way to do it. She has found that many times people start the process online and then get lost along the way. The questions can be confusing to them and there is a portion of the program that has a verification process and there have been issues with this portion of the program it is better to skip the questions on verification so that the system will not block you. It is much better to do it electronically with a navigator, if possible.
2. **Q.** Where are some of the locations that people can go to meet with a navigator?
A. In Oklahoma you may access a navigator at the Latino Community Development Agency. Every Monday the Latino Community Development Agency sends a navigator to the Oklahoma State Department of Health to assist clients in there enrollment. In other areas of the state it is recommended that people call 211, which is a social service resource line. The operator will give the client information on the closest navigator to them.
3. **Q.** If the person is unemployed, will the \$95.00 or 1% of income fee be assessed?
A. No, the fee will not be assessed. If the person is not employed, and does not have an income or very little income the system will tell them that they might qualify for Sooner Care and that they should apply for Sooner Care. The person may be eligible for Insure Oklahoma and should apply for that program to see if they might qualify.
You may contact Lourdes Chapas at the Latino Community Development Agency at 405- 236-0701.

Highlighted Presentation: "Vision of Literacy"

Speaker: Carolanne H. Roach, OD Optometrist.

Specialty Practice Areas: Vision Training/Therapy, Pediatric Vision Care, Acquire/Traumatic Brain Injury Vision Care and Low Vision Rehabilitation.

PowerPoint Available Upon Request.

If you have additional questions you may email Dr. Roach at drroach@brainandeyeconnection.com

Q & A

1. **Q.** How can a parent tell when a child is complaining of a headache or stomach ache if it might be related to his eyes? (OKC)
A. A lot of times children will not tell their parents they are having trouble with their vision or experiencing blurriness, seeing double or other problems. Children sometimes do not realize that what they are seeing is not normal. That is why it is important to have a comprehensive eye exam to check on some of these issues.
2. **Q.** A child 5 to 6 years of age, would you recommend correcting strabismus with glasses,

patching or with surgery. What would be the best option and how long can they wear the patch before deciding to go with another option?

A. When I look at strabismus, my first thought is not to jump to surgery. I want to try the least invasive procedure and the most functionally beneficial procedure, and that would be therapy. Patching typically does not teach the brain to use both eyes together because you are covering one eye. In order to fix an eye turn problem you have to teach the brain to use both eyes together. Typically my first thought would be training and active learning activities that use different mechanisms to train the brain to use both eyes together. . Strabismus is a complicated eye condition that warrants several strategies of treatment.

Addendum : Dr. Roach: *My rule of thumb when it comes to treating strabismus is*

- 1. Active vision therapy (which may include patching for certain periods of time and/or certain activities done with therapy). Therapy also includes times when both eyes are open and forced to work together – this takes time and careful planning by a vision therapy eye doctor.*

- 2. Surgery may be considered after a period of therapy if the eye turn is large and needs surgical intervention in addition to therapy.*

- 3. If surgery is done, active vision therapy after surgery is recommended to continue training the brain how to learn to see with both eyes. Surgery alone does not teach the brain how to use the two eyes together; it just gets the eyes closer in alignment. However, the brain may not know how to deal with that alignment and more surgery may be needed if therapy is not introduced to guide the brain in how to use both eyes together. Surgical “alignment” is typically considered cosmetic as it aligns the eyes to the onlooker. However, eyes that are surgically “aligned” may still be out of alignment but not noticeable to the naked eye.*

- 4. In some cases of strabismus, glasses can help the eyes align better and combined with active vision therapy the brain can learn how to use both eyes together with no need for surgery. Strabismus is one of the most complicated functional vision problems and before starting any treatment seek out the guidance from a Development/Functional/Behavioral Optometrist for a full functional vision evaluation. There are several doctors who do this type of work in Oklahoma and a list can be found at the College of Optometrists in Vision Development’s website, www.covd.org*

Literacy Update: Leslie Gelders, Oklahoma Department of Libraries

For many years, Oklahoma literacy programs have worked with the Oklahoma Optometric Physicians Association to arrange for free eye exams and low cost glasses for qualifying adult learners. There are connections between vision, literacy and health equity, it all ties together. The Great Plains Literacy Council in Altus is one of several literacy programs across the states that have added Health Literacy to their services. Fourteen literacy representatives will be attending the health literacy presentation at the OPHA conference in May.

OHEC Updates and announcements:

May 8th is the Oklahoma Health Literacy Summit, in conjunction with the Oklahoma Public Health Association (OPHA) meeting. OPHA is being held May 7-9th. Please register by February 28th for the early discount. There is additional information on how to register in your handouts.